

as part of the ceremony on June 7, 2008 the family will be honored with the dedication of a statue in the late Governor's honor.

Because of its historic nature, Corydon is a well-known regional tourist destination. The community hosts weekly events from early spring until late fall, usually centered around the historic town square. Some of the better-attended events include the annual Halloween parade, summer band concerts, an annual reenactment of the Battle of Corydon, and a long string of country and bluegrass performances.

Few locations in our Nation have such a remarkable and storied past, and it is an honor and privilege to represent this community in Congress. I want to congratulate Corydon on its Bicentennial, and look forward to seeing how this unique and wonderful town thrives for decades to come.

IN HONOR OF DR. GEORGE
BLUMENTHAL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of myself and Representatives ANNA ESHOO and MIKE HONDA to honor Dr. George Blumenthal, a distinguished professor of astronomy and astrophysics, on the occasion of his inauguration as Chancellor at University of California, Santa Cruz.

Chancellor Blumenthal has been a scholar and academic leader both at UC Santa Cruz and within the University of California system. He served as chair of the UC Academic Senate for 2004–05. He was the faculty representative to the UC Regents from 2003–2005 and chaired the UC Santa Cruz division of Academic Senate from 2001–2003. His research investigates the origin of structure in the universe and the role dark matter plays in the formation and evolution of this structure.

Chancellor Blumenthal is known for his efforts to increase access to the university and for his commitment to diversity. When he was named Chancellor by the Board of Regents in September, 2007, UC President Robert Dynes stated “we are choosing a person who has contributed significantly to UCSC’s richly deserved reputation for producing world-class research and student-focused instruction. George Blumenthal’s thoughtful, collegial and constructive leadership will solidify UCSC’s stature as one of the premier research universities in the Nation.

Madam Speaker, my colleagues and I are proud to share the representation of the University of California Santa Cruz campus and its several regional facilities in our districts. Together, these facilities make up one of our Nation’s higher education jewels. I know that we speak for the whole house in congratulating Chancellor Blumenthal on his inauguration and wishing him much success as he leads this stellar institution to even greater research, education and public service to benefit the region, the State and the Nation.

HONORING RETIRED JUSTICE
WILLIAM WAIBLE

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor a truly respected and dedicated public servant. Recently retired Justice William Waible has spent over 25 years serving as a town justice for the Town of Clarence. Justice Waible is a man of exemplary character who has given the people of Western New York gracious service not only in the courtroom, but in the community, as well.

A graduate of the University of Rochester and Albany Law School, Justice Waible has been a town justice since 1982. He practiced law for over 40 years and has served as a Professor at Erie Community College for 21 years.

Justice Waible has worked as a criminal and civil lawyer, an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, an Administration Hearing Officer for the Erie County Health Department, and as counsel to the Erie County Legislature.

In the community, Justice Waible has been a member of many community organizations including the Clarence Lions Club, the Clarence Historical Society, the Clarence Concert Association, the Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital Liaison Committee, the Board of Directors of the Community Action Organization, the Friends of the Clarence Library, and the Council of Advisors at Villa Maria College.

In addition to his involvement in various community organizations, Justice Waible has also coached children’s soccer, softball and baseball.

Justice Waible is, without a doubt, an asset to Western New York. The kind of commitment Justice Waible has made to his community is something rarely seen, and should be applauded.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of Justice William Waible’s remarkable contributions to the community, I ask this Honorable Body to join me in honoring him, in grateful appreciation for his extraordinary service to the people of Western New York.

SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING
ESTABLISHMENT OF A BEBE
MOORE CAMPBELL NATIONAL
MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, as the House of Representatives debates H. Con. Res. 134, a resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that there should be established a Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month to enhance public awareness of mental illness, especially within minority communities, I would like to submit the following eight endorsement letters for the RECORD.

MAY 20, 2008.

EDWARD S. HUBBARD, Jr., Esq.,
Senior Policy Advisor and Counsel,
Office of Congressman Albert R. Wynn.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: We, the members of the “D.C. Divas,” also make up the Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Task Force. We are writing to strongly urge you to support H. Con. Res. 134, which establishes the month of July as Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.

As friends and fellow advocates, we witnessed Ms. Campbell’s tireless efforts to educate people throughout the country about mental health. Because a member of her family suffers with mental illness, she knew firsthand that the disease is a leading cause of disability in the United States. One out of every four American families is affected by mental illness.

In her own search for information and services, Ms. Campbell found compassionate support within the community of people, who like her, had loved ones struggling with the disease. She also discovered that minorities suffering from mental illness lack access to culturally and linguistically competent mental health care. Compounding these challenges are the cultural stigma associated with mental health diagnosis and treatment, and a dearth of education and resources for minority families supporting a mentally ill loved. Always one to do whatever she could to solve a problem, Ms. Campbell joined several other people from black communities in Los Angeles to found the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill—Urban Los Angeles.

Establishing July as Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month will raise awareness about mental illness and mental health disparities among minorities nationwide. This modest effort will improve public health by encouraging the expansion of vital care in underserved communities in every state.

Ms. Campbell, a noted author whose works became New York Times bestsellers, died on November 27, 2006 of brain cancer complications. By this time, she had become a national spokeswoman for minority mental health issues, using her celebrity status and creativity to address the issues surrounding mental illness. Her last works before her death included the best selling novel “72 Hour Hold,” a book about a mother’s struggle to get aid for her mentally ill daughter, and the children’s book, “Sometimes My Mommy Gets Angry,” about a young girl whose mother is mentally ill.

The family of the late Ms. Campbell fully endorses this initiative and seeks the help of all Members of Congress in promoting this cause.

Again, as 13 of Ms. Campbell’s friends from Washington, DC—and fellow advocates for mental health services, we know she would be honored to have her name attached to this effort. Mostly, though, she would be thankful for the congressional commitment to expand services in underserved communities.

Sincerely,

Martha Jarvis, Beatrix Fields, Yolanda Phillips, Sheila Garnett, Judi Moore Latta, Melbourne Cummings, Sidonie Davis, Patrice Gaines, LaFleur Paysour, Linda Wharton Boyd, Andrea Carter, Niambi Jarvis, Courtney Lang.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE,

Rockville, MD, May 21, 2008.

Hon. ALBERT WYNN,
Rayburn House Office Building,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN WYNN: On behalf of the National Council on Community Behavioral